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DOC announces inmate death

Wilmington, DE -- The Delaware Department of Correction (DOC) today announced that Mark Lyons, a 50-year-old inmate from Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (HRYCI), died on Tuesday, December 26.

At approximately 2:30 p.m. on December 18, Lyons was observed by another inmate experiencing an apparent medical emergency in his cell. A medical alert was issued and security staff immediately initiated lifesaving measures, joined by facility medical staff. Emergency Medical Services paramedics arrived and transported him to Christiana Hospital for continued treatment. Lyons' condition continued to deteriorate and he was pronounced dead at Christiana Hospital at 11:37 p.m. on December 26.

Delaware State Police was contacted to initiate an independent death investigation. Lyons' body was turned over to the Division of Forensic Science to determine cause of death.

Lyons, of Wilmington, DE, had been in DOC custody since December 17, 2023, and was being held as a detainee on charges of Stalking, Criminal Trespass, and Driving While Suspended or Revoked.

If you are a crime victim in need of assistance, you are encouraged to call DOC Victim Services at 302-857-5440.

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